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DR PETER DOLLINGER, SWISS VETERINARY OFFICE HAS ASKED
EMBASSY TO ASCERTAIN WHERE US FISH AND WILDLIFE PERMIT OFFICE
HAS HAD ANY EXPERIENCE REGARDING SHIPMENTS OF CHELONIA
DEPRESSA (FLATBACK TURTLE) VIA NICARAGUA. DOLLINGER SAID
THAT CONSIGNOR IN NICARAGUA, ELSA D DE HERSCH, HAS BEEN
CONSIGNING SHIPMENTS OF CHELONIA MYDOS (GREEN TURTLE) TO
SWITZERLAND AND W GERMANY, BUT THESE HAVE BEEN PLACED
ON APPENDIX I OF ENDANGERED SPECIES CONVENTION. HOWEVER,
DE HIRSCH HAS OFFERED TO CERTIFY THAT FUTURE SHIPMENTS OF
TURTLES ARE CHELONIA DEPRESSA (FLATBACK TURTLE) WHICH DOLLINGER
BELIEVES ARE ATTAINABLE ONLY IN SOUTH PACIFIC NEAR AUSTRALIA.
DOLLINGER WANTS TO BE CERTAIN THAT SHIPMENTS OF CHELONIA
DEPRESSA VIA NICARAGUA ARE GENUINE AND WOULD APPRECIATE
KNOWING WHETHER U S FISH AND WILDLIFE PERMIT OFFICE HAS HAD
ANY EXPERIENCE IN THIS REGARD.
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